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Section I.—Staff.

Table A.

Name of Officer.	*Nature of Appointment.*	*Date of Appointment.*	*Qualifications.*	*Any other Appointments held.*
Reginald A. Leader	Port Medical Officer	1/4/48	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health to the County Borough of Ipswich
G. E. Welch	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1/7/55	M.B., B.S., D.P.H.	Deputy, do.
H. L. Baty	Chief Port Health Inspector	15/6/32	Certificates as a Sanitary Inspector and an Inspector of Meat and Other Foods, Special Cert. of Liverpool University School of Hygiene for Port Health Inspection	Chief Sanitary Inspector
L. J. Massam	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector	1/7/33	Certificates of the R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. as a Sanitary Inspector and as an Inspector of Meat and Other Foods	Deputy Chief Sanitary Inspector
G. W. Baker	Port Health Inspector	7/11/47	Certificates of the R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. as a Sanitary Inspector and as an Inspector of Meat and Other Foods	District Sanitary Inspector
Vacant	Section Senior Clerk			Section Senior Clerk, Public Health Dept.
A. McIntyre	Rat Searcher	7/5/51		Supervisor of Rodent Operatives

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:
Public Health Department, Elm Street, Ipswich. Ipswich 55511.

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Section II.—Amount of Shipping Entering the District During the Year.

Table B.

Ships from	*Number.*	*Tonnage*	*Number Inspected.*		*Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, Infectious Disease on board.*
			By the M.O.H.	*By the Sanitary Inspector.*	
Foreign Ports	287	292,731	—	185	None.
Coastwise	1,623	460,149	—	226	None.
Total	1,910	752,880	—	411	None.

Section III.—Character of Shipping and Trade.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic:

Number of passengers inwards 10
Number of passengers outwards 6

Cargo Traffic:—

Principal Imports:—Coal, Oil, Spirit, Grain, Timber, Potash, Phosphate, S/Ammonia, Pyrites, Road Stone, Molasses.

Principal Exports:—Sugar, Wheat, Barley, Malt, Flour, Fertilisers, Scrap Metal, Machinery, Burnt Ore.

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrive:—

Antwerp, Archangel, Bahia Blanca, Barcelona, Bremen, Brest, Burea, Casablanca, Copenhagen, Delfzyl, Esbjerg, Frederikssund, Gdansk, Gefle, Ghent, Hamburg, Hamina, Helsinki, Horsens, Huelva, Igarka, Karlshamm, Kotka, Lovisa, Mantyluoto, Mezanc, Mobile, Montreal, New Westminster, Norsundet, Port Alberni, Port Churchill, Rostock, Rotterdam, Safi, Sorel, Stettin, Vancouver, Wismar.

Section IV.—Inland Barge Traffic.

Numbers and Tonnage Using the District and Places Served by the Traffic.

None.

Section V.—Water Supply.

(1) Source of Supply for

(*a*) *The District.*

The water supply is obtained from deep wells in Waterworks owned by the Ipswich County Borough Council.

(*b*) *Shipping.*

Shipping is supplied from hydrants on the Quayside connected to Ipswich County Borough Council's water mains.

(2) Reports of Tests for Contamination.

Samples from the Ipswich County Borough Council's water supplies are taken by the Public Analyst monthly. Reports of examination results are uniformly good.

(3) Precautions Taken Against Contamination of Hydrants and Hosepipes.

Standpiping and hosepipes are used exclusively for supplying shipping and when not in use are stored under cover.

(4) Number and Sanitary Condition of Water Boats, and Powers of Control by the Authority.

No water boat now used in the Port of Ipswich.

Section VI.—Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

(1) List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6).

Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the List, the form of the List, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure for supplying it to those persons.

A copy of the Weekly Record of Quarantinable Diseases, issued by the Ministry of Health, is typed out and forwarded each week by post to the Preventive Officer, H.M. Customs and Excise Office, New Cut East, Ipswich.

(2) Radio Messages.

(*a*) *Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the District* (*Regulation* 13); *and*

(*b*) *Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships and for acting thereon* (*Regulation* 14 (1) (*a*) *and* (2)).

The Port of Ipswich is not specified as a "Radio Transmitting Port."

(3) Notifications Otherwise than by Radio (Regulation 14 (1) (b)).
Arrangements for receiving notifications otherwise than by radio and for acting thereon.

Any message for the purpose of Regulation 14(1)(b) is received at the Public Health Office, Elm Street, Ipswich, during office hours, and outside office hours such messages are received at the residence of the Chief Port Health Inspector, by telephone or otherwise.

Action is taken as may be necessary according to the circumstances of the case.

(4) Mooring Stations (Regulations 22 to 30).
Situation of Stations and any Standing Directions issued under these Regulations.

The Mooring Station for the purpose of Regulations 22 to 30 is at Cliff Quay, Ipswich.

(5) Arrangements for—

(*a*) *Hospital Accommodation for Infectious Diseases (other than Smallpox—see Section VII).*

St. Helen's Isolation Hospital, Foxhall Road, Ipswich.

(*b*) *Surveillance and Follow up of Contacts.*

Contacts proceeding to places outside the Borough and the Port of Ipswich are notified to the Medical Officer of Health of the district to which they are proceeding, and contacts remaining on the ship are kept under observation daily by an Officer of the Port Health Authority.

(*c*) *Cleansing and Disinfection of Ships, Persons, Clothing and other articles.*

On a ship where infectious disease has occurred, disinfection of the infected parts of the ship is carried out by the staff of the Port Health Authority. A Cleansing Station for persons is established at the office of the Port Health Authority and further facilities for the cleansing of persons exist at the St. Helen's Isolation Hospital and at the Ipswich Smallpox Hospital.

Section VII.—Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to Which Smallpox Cases are Sent from the District.

Ipswich Smallpox Hospital, Foxhall Heath.

(2) Arrangements for Transport of such Cases to that Hospital by Ambulance, Giving the Name of the Authority Responsible for the Ambulance and the Vaccinal State of the Ambulance Crews.

Ipswich Ambulance Service.

The vaccinal state of the ambulance crews is under constant review.

(3) Name(s) of Smallpox Consultant(s) Available.

Dr. R. A. Leader, Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer, County Borough of Ipswich.

(4) Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox.

Public Health Laboratory, Borough General Hospital, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich.

Cavendish Laboratory, Austin Wing, Free School Lane, Cambridge. Telephone: Cambridge 4765.

Section VIII.—Venereal Disease.

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of Venereal Disease among merchant seamen under International arrangements, including in-patient treatment, and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

Printed pamphlets are available and given to each ship requiring information as to locations and times of Clinics. Diagnosis and treatment are carried out at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital at the following times:—Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m.; Fridays, 1-2.30 p.m.; and emergency treatment is available at the Hospital at any time.

There are four beds available for in-patient treatment.

Section IX.—Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

Table D.

Category.	*Disease.*	*No. of cases during year.*		*No. of ships concerned.*
		Passengers.	*Crew.*	
Cases landed from ships from Foreign Ports	None	None	None	None
Cases which have occurred on ships from Foreign Ports but have been disposed of before arrival ...	None	None	None	None
Cases landed from other ships	None	None	None	None

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of Smallpox, Cholera, Plague, Yellow Fever, Typhus or Relapsing Fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

No cases have occurred.

Section X.—Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in Ships.

No cases have occurred.

Section XI.—Measures Taken Against Ships Infected with or Suspected for Plague.

No ships infected with, or suspected for Plague, have arrived.

Section XII.—Measures Against Rodents in Ships from Foreign Ports.

(1) Procedure for Inspection of Ships for Rats.

This procedure is carried out in every case when the inspection of a ship is made on entry to the Port.

(2) Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological Examination of Rodents, with Special Reference to Rodent Plague, Including the Number of Rodents Sent for Examination During the Year.

If any suspected infection arises in a ship from a foreign port, special search would be made for dead rats.

Traps would be set and rat guards put on mooring ropes.

Any rodents found or trapped would be sent for examination to the local Public Health Laboratory.

During the year no suspected ship arrived in port and there were therefore no special measures taken in this connection.

(3) Arrangements in the District for De-Ratting Ships, the Methods Used, and, if Done by a Commercial Contractor, the Name of the Contractor.

As Ipswich is not an "Approved Port" nor a "Designated Approved Port" approved by the Minister in accordance with Paragraphs 1 or 2 of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951, no de-ratting certificates or de-ratting exemption certificates are issued.

Where the master of a ship which during its voyage has been in a foreign port cannot produce a valid de-ratting certificate or de-ratting exemption certificate, or where the ship is not found to be free from rodents, action is taken in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

(4) Progress in the Rat-proofing of Ships.

Advice is given as may be found necessary.

TABLE E.

Rodents Destroyed During the Year in Ships from Foreign Ports.

Category.	*Number.*
Black Rats	Nil.
Brown Rats	
Species not known	
Sent for Examination ...	
Infected with Plague	

TABLE F.

DE-RATING CERTIFICATES AND DE-RATING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

Ipswich is not an "Approved Port" nor a "Designated Approved Port" approved by the Minister in accordance with Paragraphs 1 or 2 of Article 17 of the International Sanitary Regulations, 1951. No certificates were therefore issued.

SECTION XIII.—INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

INSPECTIONS AND NOTICES.

Nature and Number of Inspections.		*Notices served.*		*Result of serving Notices.*
		Statutory Notices.	*Other Notices.*	
British Ships	316	Nil	11	9 complied with
Other Nations	95	Nil	13	10 complied with
Total	411	Nil	24	19 complied with

SECTION XIV.—PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934-1948.

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or layings within the Jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

The oyster beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Ipswich Port Health Authority are not now in use.

SECTION XV.—MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (Applicable only to Ports Approved for the Landing of Aliens).

Ipswich is not an approved Port for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

Arrangements for the Burial on Shore of Persons who have died on board Ship from Infectious Diseases.

If such a case occurred the requirements of the Public Health Act, 1936 in this respect would be carried out.

Section XVII.

Food Inspection.

No food was landed at Ipswich during the year.

Measures Against Rodents.

(1) Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) Order, 1951.

15 Rodent Control Certificates were issued to coastal shipping during the year.

(2) The Total Number of Rats Destroyed in the Port and Borough During the Year was as Follows:—

Category.	*Number.*	
	Estimated Kill.	*Dead Bodies Recovered.*
Black Rats	101	73
Brown Rats	6,473	839
Species not known ...	—	—
Total ...	6,574	912
Sent for Examination ...	15	
Infected with Plague ...	Nil	

One ship was treated with "1080" Poison at Cliff Quay under the supervision of Harwich Port Health Inspectors. 64 dead rats were recovered. The firm which carried out the treatment was Messrs. Ridpests Ltd., 18 Andrews Street, London, E.14.

Hostels.

The Sailors' Rest, St. Peter's Street, Ipswich, is situated within a quarter-of-a-mile of the Docks, and is used by merchant seamen whilst their ships are in port.

Hygienic conditions have always been found to be satisfactory.

Co-operation with Other Officials.

No difficulty has arisen in matters of co-operation between Officers of the Local Authority and Officials of H.M. Customs Water Guard, and the Ipswich Dock Commission.